IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Draghia-Akli, et. al.

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Title: SYNTHETIC MUSCLE PROMOTERS WITH ACTIVITIES EXCEEDING NATURALLY OCCURRING REGULATORY SEQUENCES IN CARDIAC CELLS

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to a Non Final Office Action mailed October 1, 2008. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.